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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 259
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate First Claiborne Bank in Claiborne County for 100 years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations which are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the First Claiborne Bank in Claiborne County is one such outstanding organization, that has proficiently served the needs of its community for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, near the end of the 19th century, in the fall of 1899, an infant bank was chartered in the Appalachian Mountains of Tennessee – Claiborne National Bank; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1919, marking its 20th anniversary, the bank changed its name to Claiborne County Bank and retained this name for almost 70 years until First Claiborne Bank was established as the name by which it is known today; and

WHEREAS, the bank's first President, George Montgomery, guided the bank through many challenges and the bank prospered; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1936, banks were having a difficult time recovering from the Great Depression and the East Tennessee community, along with the rest of the country, was

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suffering from the greatest economic disaster in history. Yet, Claiborne County Bank survived and continued to provide excellent customer service; and

WHEREAS, presently under the illustrious leadership of the Yoakum family, First Claiborne Bank continues to uphold an impressive reputation and provides families with a unique spirit of business in the Claiborne County community; and

WHEREAS, in order to reach their banking community, First Claiborne Bank has created a 100-year anniversary calendar which depicts some of the historical scenes and events that make East Tennessee such a special place; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the employees of the First Claiborne Bank for 100 years of exemplary service to their community, and wish them success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.